

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) A thread wound golf ball comprising

(a) a solid center composed of an inner center formed from a vulcanized molded rubber composition containing an oily substance, and a center outer layer formed from an oil-resistant thermoplastic **resin elastomer** selected from the group consisting of polyurethane thermoplastic elastomer, polyester thermoplastic elastomer, polyamide thermoplastic elastomer and a mixture thereof that is composed of hard segment and soft segment, and coated around the inner center so as to prevent the oily substance of the inner center from bleeding,

(b) a thread rubber layer formed on the solid center, and

(c) a cover covering the thread rubber layer, wherein

the inner center has a diameter of 24 to 33 mm, a JIS-A hardness of not more than 50 and a deformation amount of not less than 2.0 mm when applying from an initial load of 1 kg to a final load of 5 kg,

the center outer layer has a Shore D hardness of not more than 60, and

the solid center has a diameter of 25 to 34 mm.

Claim 2. (Original) The thread wound golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the cover has a Shore D hardness of 40 to 65.

Claim 3. (Currently Amended) The thread wound golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the thermoplastic ~~resin~~ elastomer is presented in amount of not less than 50% by weight, based on the total weight of the center outer layer.

Claim 4. (Original) The thread wound golf ball according to Claim 1, wherein the cover has a thickness of 1.0 to 3.0 mm.